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LOBBYISTS SWARM IN ALBANY TO FIGHT

ALBANY IS ALREADY FILLED WITH LOBBYISTS TO FIGHT ALL **PUBLIC UTILITIES MEASURES**

Every Municipal Ownership Bill Smith Puts Through Legislature to Be Opposed by Service Corporations-Disappointed Inauguration Visitors Threaten Officials.

By Martin Green.

(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) ALBANY, Dec. 30 .- Albany is full of lobbyists. They resent being called lobbyists and have organized a sor of propaganda of a verbal nature which is intended to reach sources of publicity in a way to convey the impression that the lobbyists are ac more and the alert young. middleaged and the old men who are here present and ar- on the payrolls of the public service and other corporations likely to be affected by legislation are in reality in the State capital as presenters of arguments in the

MILLER TO SUBMI

STATE BUDGET

Estimates \$162,002,756

Available for Requirements

of Next Fiscal Year.

complete financial plan for the en-

tablishing a precedent in the State's

The budget estimates a surplus, as

of July 1, 1923, of \$35,647,080.36; ea-

imated revenues \$126,355,676.43, or

Appropriations are confined to cur-

harges, requests for construction and

capital outlay being left to the action

vere recommended for postponement

Operating expense appropriations

nents, and aggregate \$110,000,000.

Principal increases are: Health, La-

BATTLESHIPS WANTED

President Makes Request of Con-

gress to Keep Navy Up to Date.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- A supple-

mental appropriation of \$6,500,000 for

modernization of battleships was re

quested of Congress to-day by President

The request was transmitted in a let

ter from Secretary Denby declaring that, as a result of the Arms Conference de-

isions, the nation must adopt a new

are "to be maintained at a standard of

efficiency comparable to that of similar

study" now under way.

n other groups.

total resources of \$162,002,756.79 for

inancial history.

Court of Appeals. From the complexion of the lobbyhowever disguised, who are early on the ground. it is apparent hat the traction interests are greatly d over the reported intention Gov.-elect Smith to try and ence the laws which should evolve from the Democratic platform planks calling for municipal ownership of public utilities.

The hunch has gone out that the Governor-elect, in his message, which he may read to the joint session of the Senate and the Assembly next Wednesday and thereby break all precedents in this State, will advocate even more drastic legislation on traction matters than the platform calls for.

CITY TRANSIT FORMULATED. Suggestions, or commands, from the

uing fiscal year, proposing appro-Governor's message are subjects printions for State expenses and rumor in the State capital There no doubt about the report that the of a surplus and estimated revenues Governor-elect's transit program for which is to be submitted to the New York City has arready been Legislature, was made public to-day drafted, and that the recommenda tions are calculated to make cold by Gov. Miller, as Chairman of the chills traverse the spines of the finan-Board of Estimate and Control. Subclers interested in public service nission of the balanced budget stocks not only of New York City marked the close of the Miller Adbut of the State ministration and was regarded as es-

Strangely enough, the traction cor poration lobbyists and the represents tives of other public service corpora tions operating in municipalities are mistic than the magnates who employ them because they are closer to the sources of law and repeal.

'Gov. Smith," said a gentleman identified with a public service utility to the writer to-day, "may send to Legislature all the messages he can write with the intent of bringing on municipal ownership beyond the limits to which it extends under existing laws, and he may force his measures through, but each of them will have to stand a court test. There isn't a measure he can present that isn't so mixed up with constitutional requirements that we can't appeal

The difficulties of the situation and maintenance, fixed charges, conave not daunted Al Smith and his tributions and State debt require-As minority and formulators. majority leader and Speaker of the propriations, is balanced by decreases Assembly he accumulated a lot of knowledge about transit laws. He has no fear of the ultimate outcome. bor and Tax Departments, \$135,000; INAUGURATION OFFICIALS ARE

educational, \$3,726,000, including \$73, THREATENED. 000 for persions; agriculture, \$258, So many requests for admissions to 000; prisons and prison hospitals general, \$389,000; for increased althe Capitol building for the inauguration ceremonies have been turned aries and additional attendants, \$1. down that the officials in charge are 330,000; charity, \$354,000; State aid beginning to receive threats. The Alto town and country roads, \$244,000; bany police force is adequate and comprison industries, \$33,000 netent to preserve general order, but the welfare of the Governor-Elect and ats family has been directly entrusted \$6,500,000 TO IMPROVE to detectives Andy McDonald and Abe Snydecker of the New York Police

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The Evening World will not be published New Year's Day.

BALKED BY FRANCE HARDING TURNS TO

Hopes Situation Has Gone Far Enough for Them to See Error of Way.

HER POLICY MERCURIAL

But Will Be Hard for Her to Refuse Consent to Clearing Atmosphere.

By David Lawrence. (Special Correspondent of The Eve

ning World.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (Copy right). Having failed to convinc France by informal con reations of diplomacy, the United States Government has appealed to the public opinon of the world in support of its plan for a settlement of the reparaion problem.

Secretary Hughes's speech, at New first expression from the White House on foreign policy in three weeks, has a significance apart from the character of the proposal that a commission of financiers undertake to fix what Germany can pay. It means that the American Government has been quietly advancing this proposal, but that France has not

There is no reason to believe but there is every reason to suppose that the American Government has plomacy and is trying open diplomacy

nents. For weeks there has been a steadfast refusal to say anything, though it was known J. P. Morgan had conferred with Secretary Hughes and that a revival of the bankers' means of financing them in the way commission idea was under discussion. It was pointed out in these despatches at the time that the key to the situation was to be found in the report of the International Bankers' Committee, nade in June. That committee made certain recommendations, but France didn't accept them. The situation has not changed since then. The American Government is merely reviving the suggestion that a commission

really try again.
When the committee of bankers met in Paris, in June, the French paid no attention to its suggestions. Now the American Government hopes the situation has proceeded far enough for France to see the error of her he requirements of the next fiscal way. The bankers are ready to examine Germany's assets and resources. again and to recommend a loan to ent operating expenses and fixed Germany wherewith her first reparation payments can be made, but first France must agree to give up her of the Legislature. General salary apparently unrestricted right to pun-changes and creation of new positions ish Germany whenever she pleases.

If the United States Governmen until completion of the "job analysis had been able to convince France in the last fortnight that such a plan was worth trying, the appeal to public opinion wouldn't have been necessary. nclude personal service, operation But the French Government's policy has been more or less mercurial of late, anyhow. First it seemed as if An increase of \$6,460,000 in group ap- France would invade the Ruhr, then he policy was abandoned.

Realizing the tremendous moral in fluence which the United States wields in the world to-day, the deision was made here to make public the American plan, almost on the eve

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WARMER WEATHER AND RAIN OR SNOW **DUE FOR NEW YEAR'S**

Thermometer Already Soaring-Army of 10,000 Out to Clenr City's Streets. Warmer weather is promised for

There will be a decided change to morrow, according to Forecaster Stars of the local Weather Bureau, and in all probability what snow remains in the streets by to-morrow afternoon will melt and make it wet under foot. By to-morrow night unsettled conditions will prevail, and it is probable that either rain or snow will

The lowest point reached by the thermometer to-day was 13 at 5 o'clock. It rose slowly as the sun rose, but will remain below 20 all day, it was forecast. To-morrow it will go above the freezing point.

Haven, almost coincident with the Hylan Issues Drastic Order to Enright to Make Holiday Dry.

driest New Year's Eve it has ever known, it will not be the fault of Mayor Hylan, the police and the Federal Frohibition forces. Because all France has returned a flat negative, these have combined, after various and sundry conferences, to make the made little headway by secret di- freedom of violators of the liquor law a pertious thing.

Mayor Hylan and Commissioner It is most unusual for the President Enright have prepared a plan for enand Secretary of State to discuss forcement which has been given to proposals made to foreign Govern- Chief Inspector Lahey and by him with his subordinate Inspectors which will permit the police to search citi zens for pocket flasks.

The searching will be conducted in the guise of "frisking" suspects for concealed weapons. And if the hip flask comes to light during the operation the toter will be arrested immediately.

The orders for strict enforcem came from Mayor Hylan after he had eceived reports of young girls being streets of Greenwich Village last New Year's Eve. That quarter is to watched this year with the faithfuless of a cat at a mouse hole.

Not only is the uniformed force t out in all its available numbers. but detectives in street clothes an some in evening clothes will be disributed about the neighborhoods i which the police expect the most ac

Broadway, particularly that part of in which the well-known restaurants and hotels are situated, will comin for extra surveillance. Detectives will be everywhere. The Inspectors have been notified by Chief Lahe, that they will be held personally responsible for any arrests in their disricts which are made from Headquarters or by Federal agents.

Prohibition Director Yellowley has nade careful preparations for New Year's Eve. It is said that he has mported a large squad of agents from Washington who are not known in this city and are to be sent to the estuarants and hotels as guests. "Hereafter all places in which vio itions of the law have occurred and

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WIFE'S FAMILIAR SNORE IN ROOM ACROSS HALL WINS HIM A DIVORCE

Husband Awakens in Hotel a Night and Follows Sounds fle Knows Into Another's Room. CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- Ward B. Simons knew his wift's snore.

One month after their marriage, Nov. 16, they took a room at the Tremont Hotel. In the middle of the night Simons awoke, he says, and heard the snore of his wite in a room across the hall. He arose and headed for the noise. In the hall, he alleges, he mot one Johnny Fogarty in his wife's kimona and in found his snoring wife.

This testimony won for Simon divorce in the Circuit Court.

COWPERTHWAIT'S PARK ROW ANNEX SWEPT BY FLAMES

YORK, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1922.

300 Women and Children in Movie Next Door Pass Out Safely.

FIREMAN NEAR DEATH

Acting Chief Oliver Pulled From Water-Filled Cellar After 35-Foot Fall.

Christopher North, superintenden f Cowperthwait & Son, Instalmen urniture house which has occupie emises at Nos. 199-205 Park Roy the two-story annex used as a cab shop and shipping room. He had just time to warn two cabinet makers working in the rear and cate up two cats under his arms and ge out. Feeding on excelsior, shaving varnish and resin the fire flashed al through the annex in five minutes.

The efforts of Deputy Chief Heffer nan and Acting Battalion Chief David Oliver were directed to keeping th fire from the main building, filled varnish and resin, the fire flashed all of all descriptions and to save th Venice moving picture theatre next door, from which the proprietor Michael Mario, had safely ushered three hundred women and children patrons before the firemen arrived. The fire was a stubborn one and though reported under control, billows tracks of the Second and Third Ave-

the alarm of the passengers. Making a survey after the flames had died down Acting Chief Oliver floor of the annex with Lieut. Newman of Truck No. 6, fell through hatchway thirty-five feet into five feet of water in the cellar. He of the tournament. hung on to a rack from the cellar down with a pocket lamp and found him just losing consciousness. A fall left to wander intoxicated about the of debris blocked them from the stairway by which Newman had gone down and with great difficulty they crawled through a rear window into the yard of No. 10 Roosevelt Street Acting Chief Joseph B. Martin

visited the fire a little after 1 o'clock and in consideration o fthe age of the main building and the inflammability of the contents ordered a second alarm as a precautionary measure. He told Commissioner Drennau that if the old building, lacking the support of the annex, toppled into the hot embers there would be a sudden bonfire that would be dangerous to the whole Chatham Square neighborhood.

According to employees to-day's fir was the first the premises have known in the 115 years Cowperthwaits' ha

TWO KILLED, TWO HURT AS AUTO IS HIT BY PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN

Were Crossing Tracks at Wood bury, A. J., on Way to Dance When Struck.

WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 36 .- Clar ence A. Wray jr., of 239 South Twen ty-first Street, Philadelphia, and Loui A. Bruner, of No. 4042 Spruce Street Philadelphin, died in the Underwood Hospital early to-day from injuries received last night when their auto mobile was struck by a Pennsylvani Railroad train at the Edith Avenu-

crossing. Miss Catherine Johnstone, of Philaelphia and Miss Elizabeth Price of Washington, D. C., were slightly in jured.

An erroneous report gained circulation that Wray was Rex Wray, ormer famous quarterback of the University of Pennsylvanta Football Team, and that Bruner possibly was "Bota" Beuner, star halfback of this year's Lafa-

The party was on its way to a dance at the Woodbury Country club in a sedan car when it was struck by an electric train from Atlantic City. Wray and Brunner died in a hospital fou ours later from fractured skulls

FORMER SECRETARY IN WAR DEPARTMENT INDICTED IN FRAUDS



WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The sen

Mrs. Whitbeck Also Under Strain as Son Plays Final Game.

year-old son of Dr. Brainard H. Whitbeck, as he lay on the table of the dressing room at the 7th Regiment Arof smoke were pouring across the mory after playing the final match of the national junior indoor lawn tenashlo with Ernest H. Kuhn of George Washington High to-day, would never have been taken groping his way about on the second for the winner. But he was even though he collapsed after the most spectacular and gruelling tennis bartle

As young Whitbeck was half-caried from court, Mrs. Whitbeck, his other, rushed up to him with tears in her eyes to congratulate him. His father and brothers were also among hese to grasp his hand and pat his

mck.
"I'll never watch another match like this!" exclaimed Mrs. Whitbeck. The strain is too great for me, hink I suffered more than my boys had to watch first one and then the other win his match and I'm worn at from sympathetically trying to help them.",

In the junior finals which went to five sets and which Whitbeck won by taking the first, fourth and fifth sets, the latter in a deuce set 7-5 match was decided on endurance Both youths, aged eighteen, were worn ut as the match drew on.

SUBWAY IS JAMMED AS BRAKES REFUSE TO WORK AT 72D STREET

rowds Storm Trains and for 2 Minutes Traffic Is Held Up In Rush Hour.

Thousands of passengers coming downtown on the west side subway were delayed just after 9 o'clock this norning when a southbound express was stalled at the 72d Street station by the jamming of brakes.

It took twenty minutes' work on be part of an emergency crew to get he train started again. Meanwhile express trains all along the line to the orth of 72d Street were stopped and station platforms were packed with passengers.

The local track remained clear and its trains were overburdened as express passengers crowded in with the regular local passengers.

Even after the first stalled train was set in motion it took some time to elieve the accumulated congestion.

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PRESIDENT FREES EIGHT WARTIME

Men Accused of Sedition Must Leave U. S., Never to Return.

ences of eight members of the Industrial Workers of the World, convicted in the Haywood case of conspiracy dicted here to-day by the Special and violation of war-time laws, were commuted by President Harding to- on charges of conspiracy to defraud day to expire at once, on condition the Government in construction of that the eight prisoners leave the war time army camps and cantor United States within 60 days and ments

their commutation that should they granted would be void. Should any one of them return, it is stipulated, and regulations; to control the giving they will be apprehended and returned to Leavenworth Penitentiary to serve

commuted are: Aurrelio Vincenti Azuarr, sentenced to twenty years; C. J. Bourg, ten years; Peter Green, ten years; Charles L. Lambert, twenty years; Harry Lloyd, five years; Burt Lorton, ten years; Sam Scarlett, twenty years; Archie Sinclair, ten able contracts to themselves Most of

The prisoners will be given sixty days in which to arrange for their departure and will be required to give bond on leaving prison that they will appear at the stated time and surrender themselves for deportation.

Salvaged Scotch Whiskey Found Secreted in Floating Citadel of Prohibition.

The revenue cutter Hansen, the flagship and pride of the Dry Navy. turned freebooter on the high seas, is the startling sensation turned loose by Cal., attending a convention of genthe investigation to-day of the men of the Collector of the Port.

The Nemesis of the rum runners of the port a rum runner herself!

evening after swooping down to Sandy ways believed, however, that the cost Hook and salvaging seventy cases of boose swept into the seen from the have been constructed under the cirlittle motor boat Linnie Bell, stranded off the Hook. Accompanying the Dry Navy flagship were two customs men, Nichalas and McGill, who aided in the booze search of the seas.

Wind and weather prevented an ap proach to the cockleshell craft bradually sinking in the trough of the sen and spewing case after case of Scotch wiskey into the wild and unappreciative waves. So the bluejackets of the flagship with boathooks and other hooks hooked the contents of the surging barroom swashing in

the waters off Sandy Hook. They hooked seventy cases and looked in vain . the crew of the

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Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud U. S. in War Camp Construction.

CONTRACTS TO FRIENDS

500 Contracts Involved, of Which \$80,000,000 Was Awarded on Armistice Day.

WASHINGTON, Deg. 80 (Assoclated Press).-Benedict Crowell, Assistant Secretary of War, under the Wilson Administration, and six "dollar year" men associated with the Grand Jury investigating war frauds

The others indicted are William A Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens portation and it was a condition of W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons and James A. Mears.

The indictment charges a conspirof contracts to friends, associates and clients under the "cost plus" system. which it is charged resulted in a less to the Government of millions of dol tars and reduced the moraje of labor. WASHINGTON, Dec. 36 (Unit) Press) .- The indictment charges that Crowell gave army commissions to some of those indicted and that later

they were in a position to grant valu-

the contracts were said to involve

construction work during the war. Five hundred contracts calling for sixty National Army cantonments, ixty National Guard camps, warehouses, port terminals, hospitals. aviation fields, ordnance plants and fortifications are mentioned in the eventy pages of the indictment.

Contracts amounting to \$89,000,000 were awarded on Armistice Day, 1918. of which \$11,000,000 were said to have gone to "lected contractors" in league with the alleged conspirators. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30 .- Bene-

dict Crowell, former Assistant Secretary of War, when told of the Washington indictments, said: "I know nothing whatever about

the indictments and have no information regarding them. I have recently turned over all my records regarding the building of army camps and cantonments to Department of Justice agents and have co-operated with them in every way in their investigations."

Clemens W. Lundoff, also of Cleves land, is said to be in Los Angeles, eral contractors.

Newton D. Baker, Former Secretary of War, when told of the Washington indictments, said:

"Not having seen the indictments, She arrived back at her pier last cannot comment on them. I have alplus plan was the only possible way the camps and cantonments could

WILL KEEP OPEN HOUSE TO CATCH BOOTLEGGERS COMING AND GOING

cumstances."

First the Warrant, Says U. S. Com-Dry Law Violators.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- "Open house" vill be kept at the Federal Building to night and New Year's Eve by United "The first part of both nights I expan

Linnie Belle. They had escaped, but "During the later hours I will app bonds to free those for whom I have issued warrants."